

February 16, 2006

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

SUBJECT: Support of Federal Funding for Levee Projects in California

Dear Senator Boxer:

As Chair of the Delta Protection Commission (Commission), I am writing to express funding support for several efforts underway to address flood protection for the residents of California, particularly in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Commission supports actions to facilitate effective flood control through measures that nurture cooperation among local stakeholders, regional partners, and State and federal entities, as an effective and efficient way to identify solutions to regional flood management issues.

- The Commission supports the federal funding request of \$1 million (FFY 2007) for the Delta Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) under the budget line item "Pinole Shoal CA Management". The Delta LTMS would consider the beneficial reuse of materials and sediment dredged from Delta channels, which could eventually provide an important source of material toward the 30-50 million cubic yards that CALFED estimates may be needed to fortify Delta levees.
- The Commission also supports the federal funding request of \$3 million (FFY 2007) for the Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS) under the GI line item "Sacramento San Joaquin Delta, Delta Levees and Islands, California". DRMS is comprised of a number of ongoing studies that, over the next two years, will provide the information necessary to evaluate risk associated with Delta levee failure over the next 50 years. DRMS will address continuing subsidence of Delta islands, sea level rise, and the potential for earthquakes. It will also include the probable consequences of several levee failure scenarios, identification of highest risk areas, specific levee information, and priorities for maintenance, among other items.

Thank you for your consideration of requests for funding support for these very important Delta projects. Please visit the Commission's website, [www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov), for more information about the Delta Protection Commission and its current activities. The Commission's Executive Director, Linda Fiack, can be reached at (916) 776-2292 if you have any questions about the information provided herein, or about the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mike McGowan, Chair

cc:     Senator Diane Feinstein  
          Rep. Dennis Cardoza  
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          Rep. Daniel Lungren  
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